## ASKA CANYON BLOCKS AUTOS

y Gorge Near Valdez ops All Progress in New ork-Paris Race.

di Res from Veldez, Alaska, neing that the American car had d it would be impossible to make ip through Keystone canyon, did me as a surprise to at least one aker. This person is Dan Grenig, ing man of Valdes, who makes Lake his home while in the s," and who is in the city at the t time waiting for the spring to efore returning to his mining inin Alaska. . The accompanying graphs were loaned The Herald . Grenig, and give some idea of orge which effectually stopped the can car on its wild race from York to Paris. One of the scenes the canyon in the winter and shows the famous cut as it is and the proposition that faced Schuster at the time he sent legram to the drivers of the two awaiting shipment at Seattle and

Only Pass to Interior.

Keystone canyon, says Mr. Gres one of the sights around Val-This town is situated on the coast and this cut through the mounis the only route by which man ravel into the interior. It is six long and so rocky that it has been possible to get a wagon During the winter months, Mr. Grenig, every ounce of supto the interior goes through this n on dog sleds. These sleds are four inches wide, and a trail ide enough for one of these eleds de and kept open by the govern-On either side of the trail the is several feet deep, and when ack passes another, it is necesto lay a tarpaulin over the soft for one of the dog teams to sidewhile the other passes by.

impossible it wo. I be for the obiles to pass along this narrow even if they were fortunate miss the ever-falling snow. wheel of the auto rested on hirty-four-inch wide path, the would be off in the soft snow, whole would quickly turn tur-For this reason alone, Mr. Greto to navigate this canyon.

rail Along Mountain Side.

amer time a narrow trail side of the canyon is as the river at the bottom of anyon is then a raging mountain where even a lone horse must mountain side to keep from there gre many accidents on horses slipping and fallto the rocky canyon below, attempt is made to travel this xcept by foot or horseback, and

machines are taken through Keycan para and this is the only route them apart and pack the pieces on a hovee's back. This would weeks, and it is hardly thought f the canyon awaiting instructions

the French car is at 'Frisco and talian car at Seattle, and it is up promoters of the race to devise cheme to continue the race.

#### YERS TALK ABOUT AMERICAN LEAGUE RACE

By "Willie" Keeler. (Who Never Talks.)

much on picking championinners, but I think that the race nant this year is between ew York and Chicago clubs. Some others will probably be playing all, but when it comes to the last

y George Edward Waddell.

will be nothing to the champ in the American League exthe St. Louis club. I am going to it to first place merely to spite

By George Davis.

he Coming Second Baseman oit will make a game fight for nampionship this year, because Jennings' personality is sufficient e any team work tooth and nail than we did last season, and I be surprised to see a threeand Detroit. The Athletics may be the race part of the year, but the ok good enough to me to beat

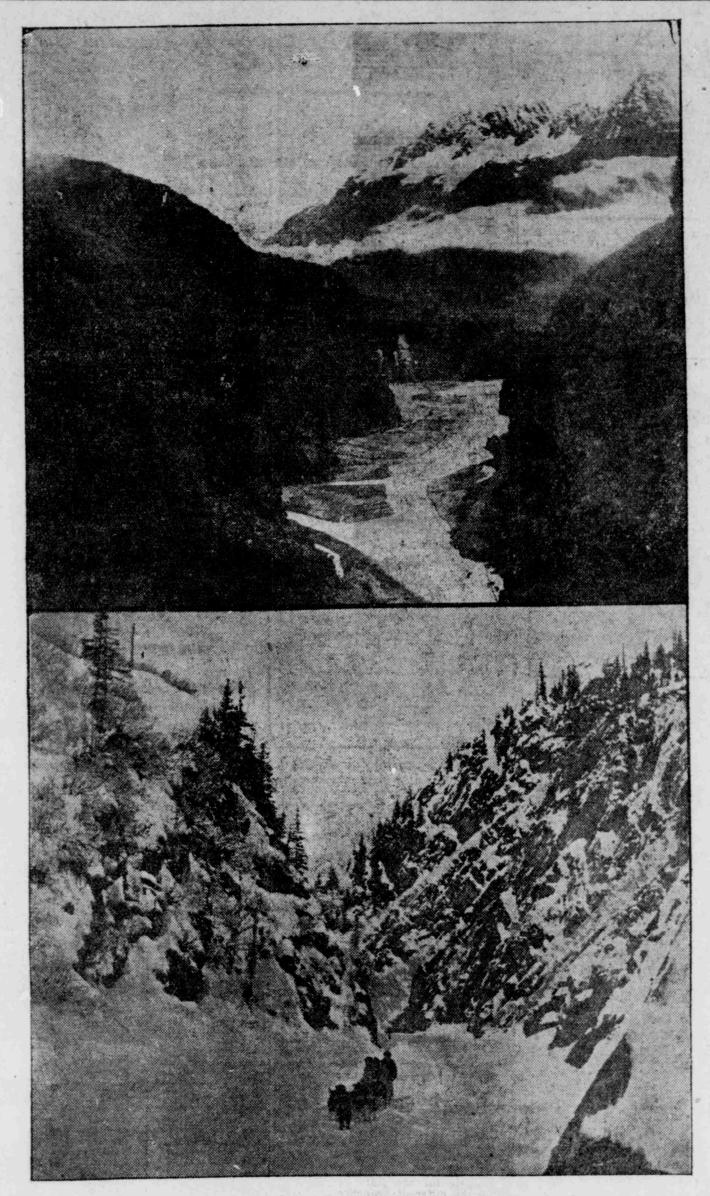
By Harry Davis.

Vho Wintered in Philadelphia.) Athletics will do better with dell off the team than when he Some of the players could long with him and some of them Our team work will help the nines which have been this year, and we can play than some of them when going at their best. We have od a chance to win the championas any nine in the American ue, and better than some.

By Clark Griffith.

ave run so close to the championor so many seasons that all I to say is that we will run closer than we have in the past. I don't to annoy fate by trying to get nearer the solution of winning the ant before we are actually on the "hooked up" to win it. It isn't of place to observe, however, that ody who beats us will have to some and then continue,

Automobiles Find Keystone Canyon Impassable



### S-P-O-R-T-O-L-O-G-Y

National league teams will start on their long season for the baseball championships of 1908. The American season opens with Detroit at Chicago, St. Louis at Cleveland, Philadelphia at New York and Washington at Boston. The National opens with Boston at Brooklyn, New York at Philadelphia, Chicago at Cincinnati and Pittsburg at

For the past month the sixteen teams of these two leagues have been south training for this day, and when the umpire calls play ball, each team will be pretty well lined up to put forth its best efforts. The new men have been given a good tryout, and the managers will wait to see how they act under fire to decide whether they have reached the big leagues to stick or whether it will be necessary to send them back to the minors for more ex-

Last season, the most successful baseball has ever seen, should be duplicated again this year. Practically the only opposition of interest to the public this year is the election of a prest-dent of the United States, and it will , not take much of a baseball fan to foretell which will lose out, baseball or the candidates, in the race for the lime-

In Salt Lake it looks like the same old tale. Here we will have to contert ourselves with reading the newspapers and long for the good old days when Salt Lake had real baseball, or ask ourselves when this time will come again, without getting any answer.

Nearing Home Lion Squeals.

When the first reports were sent out that Hackenschmidt had quit in his match with Gotch, it came as a big surprise all over America. That a champion of the world would quit under fire was never expected, and Hackenschmidt was condemned on all sides. The next day the Russian Lion came out with a manly statement and gave Gotch full credit for his victory. Hack declared he had been beaten fairly, and by a better man, and it would have been useless for him to continue the struggle. Such a statement made Hack friends, and had he been content to leave for England with this, he would have been remembered as a man who had overestimated his own ability, underestimated his opponent's, got a good whipping and acknowledged it. American sportsmen would have admired him for it, and the fact that he quit under fire would soon have been forgotten. Instead, however, as soon as the now thoroughly tamed lion arrived in New York and secured his ticket for home,

On next Tuesday the American and he sent the following story to the Lon-

Story for English Readers. "The tactics by which I was defeated on American soil would not have been tolerated in England. Gotch's body was literally soaked in on to prevent my holding him. All the world knows this to be unfair and against the rules of wrestling. He dug his nails into my face, tried to pull my ear off and poked his thumb into my eye. Gotch fought, not like a man, but like a cat. I will state facts and let the English public

"In the first place, I underestimated Gotch's power, and thought it unnecessary to do much training. For two weeks after my arrival from England went on a tour in the East, and then I hurried on to Chicago. The manager of the Chicago Athletic club, where was to have trained, insulted me and acted mean, so that I only went there twice. Consequently, I was wholly unfit to meet Gotch. However, I am sure that if he had wrested fairly I should have beaten him. Once in the ring. I began aggressive tactics, but Gotch would not come on, and started his

"I saw that his body was oiled, and protested, but the referee paid no heed to me. The people at the ringside were all prejudiced against me and unfair, so I concluded the best thing to do was to keep silent and do my best. Gotch then dug his finger into my eye, and I called out 'Unfair,' but he continued, and the referee did not stop him.

"I will keep all my English engagements, and now that I know Gotch, I will train to win back the championship, but not on American soil. "I don't think American ideas of

sporting are fair. In view of this statement, it will be well to remember Hack as he appeared on the mat in Chicago. This showed him a rank quitter, and Frank Gotch located and brought out a streak of yellow of a much more radiant hue than has ever been shown before by any of the so-called champions of the

### Nelson Makes Good Move.

Battling Nelson did exactly the right thing for the Champion of Hegewisch when he demanded that the proposed fight between himself and Joe Gans go over the forty-five round route. The dispatches stated these men were to meet for twenty rounds, but later it was announced that Nelson had changed his mind and demanded a fight over the longer route. The Goldfield fight proved conclusively that Nelson can not put Gans away in twenty

rounds then, and Gans must have gone back considerably if Nelson can do it now. In a twenty-round argument the odds would all be in favor of Gans. The dnnge can easily stall for this distance and at the same time so completely outbox Nelson that a referee would have to give the Baltimore boy the decision. Bat owes it to himself as well as his friends to sign up with his best chances to win, and certainly Gans cannot object to going the limit with Nelson in another battle, as this was the condi-tion of the last fight, and the condition under which Gans won. The fight, however, is only in the preliminary stage, and it will be well not to bank too much on this pair meeting until both men have signed articles and posted their forfeits.

Show Form or No Rub Down.

Coach Joe Maddock has certainly introduced an innovation when he decided upon a certain qualification among the track and field men in order to get a rubdown. During all the hard and tireless work of training, there are just a few brief moments of pleasure, and that is when you are stretched out on the rubbing beard watching the other fellow working and perspiring over your tired muscles The rubdown alone pays one for the trouble of training. Evidently Maddock must have discovered some of the boys going through the training stunts to get the benefit of a rub at the varsity's expense, and Joe decided that they must show some form or there would be nothing doing in the rubbing department of the varsity's curriculum. But if an athlete has the stuff in him to make good, a little thing like doing his own rubbing will not stop him. There is many a champion today who had to do his own rubbing until he convinced the world he could make good. In fact, you can't keep a good man down, rub or no rub.

Jimmy McPonald Making Good.

The writer received a letter from Jimmy McDonald, the local boxer, who is now on the coast. McDonald just got through whipping a fellow who the natives at Hanford, Cal., thought a world-beater. Jimmy says he put him away in the second round and surprised them. He expects to get on a match with either Al Nell or a scrapper named Murray at Bakersfield. Jimmy says the fighting game is on the bum on the coast, unless one is a champion. He also says he never saw so many champions in his life as they have out there. Every other man claims the championship of somewhere, so it makes it hard for a scrapper from nowhere but Sait Lake. Jimmy says he expects to be back in Zion as soon as he makes one good clean-up, which he predicts will be in his next fight.

# VANDERBILT CUP OFTEN OVERLOOK LATEST SUCKER

Ribbon Automobile Event This Year.

At a meeting of the American Automobile association held in New York City April 2 it was definitely decided to run the Vanderbilt race in 1908, and the most important changes in the conditions was that affecting the weight

Already the racing board has received assurances of the entries—two Locomobiles, two Thomases, two Appersons, two Issetta Frachini, one Darracq, one Renault and one Hotchkiss and one Woolsley by Harry Levey of New York and the big German Benz by Louis J. Bergdell of Philadelphia.

The racing rules submitted by the special rules committee, consisting of Jefferson De Mont Thompson, A. L. Riker, S. A. Miles and Alfred Reeves, were approved, and will be voted upon at a meeting of the executive commit-1ee of the A. A. A. on April 7.

Conditions of Race. The following conditions will govern

the race:
1. That competition for this cup is open only to clubs that are recognized by or affiliated with the American Automobile association or to clubs recognized by or affiliated with the Auto-

mobile club of France. 2. That no more than ten cars can represent any one competing country.
3. That the club winning the trophy is obligated to deposit with the American Automobile association a bond of not less than \$3000 for the safety of

4. That the car in its entirety must be manufactured in the country which it represents.

5. That the name of the winner of each year is to be inscribed on the cup, together with the location of the race, date, distance, etc. 6. The minimum weight of any ear

competing for this cup shall not be less than 900 kilos, or 1983.6 pounds, and the maximum weight not greater than 1200 kilos, or 2644.8 pounds. 7. That each car must carry two persons seated side by side, whose weight must not be less than 132 pounds each. 8. That the race shall be for not less

than 250 miles, nor over 300 miles, and

cannot be held on a horse or bicycle 9. The date of competition, the rules governing the competition, the entry blank, the form of declaration and route will be announced by the William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., cup commission by

July 1, 1908. 10. The entry fee for each car will be \$1000, covering the elimination and

11. That the date of closing of entries will be September 1, 1908. 12. That for any entries received after

A. A. A. Decides to Hold Blue Stallings Once Passed Hans Bets His Money on Wrestling Wagner Up as Being Too Awkward.

BY HARRY NEILY.

Great ball players often fail to show their class young, although the opposite is the general rule. The retirement of Hans Wagner of the Pittsburg club makes his unusual advent into baseball of interest.

Away back in 1895 Wagner was a young, raw-boned fellow playing on the lots of Carnegie, Pa. He had attracted little attention even in the am-

The Iron and Oil league, composed of Oil City, Franklin, Bradford, Warren, Pa., and cities of that class was formed. Warren got in late and had to recruit a team in less than two weeks before the season started. Charles Power, sporting editor of the Pittsburg Dispatch, was president of the league.

When Harry Pickett, George Franklin and H. W. Neily, sr., decided to put in a team they hurried to Pittsburg and Power dug up enough players to fill nine uniforms. Harry Smith of the Pirates, Claud Ritchey, Al Wagner, John Wagner, Joe Rickert, Jimmie Cooper and several others were in the bunch. John Wagner came along, being a younger brother of Al, and getting recognition for that fact.

#### Limit of Awkwardness.

At that time John Wagner was about the limit for awkwardness and lack of finish. He played third base and wobbled about that station like a blind man on stilts. His playing improved gradually and in a few weeks he was going right. The Warren team won o many games the league broke up.

George Stalling, veteran manager, dropped down from Buffalo to get some of the Warren talent. He took Al Wagner and Ritchey, but declared John was so clumsy he never would make a ball player. John went to Steubenville, Paterson, N. J., and jumped to Louisville. He has been up there at the top ever since. Ed Barrow, former Detroit and Toronto manager, recognized his ability, as did Barney Dreyfus. But at one time the great John Wagner was actually passed up as a dub by a baseball manager who had already won a great reputation for being able to see the good ones coming.

September 1, 1908, and before October 1, 1908, the fee will be doubled, making the same \$2000, and no entries will be received after October 1, 1908.

# RACE TO BE RUN SPEEDY PLAYERS HAILS FROM IOWA

Match and Promoters Are Now in Jail.

Chicago, April II.-Detectives today captured George Harris, an alleged confidence man, who is known in Seattle, Wash., as a land speculator, and are holding him to await requisition from either Spokane or New Orleans, towns in which he is said to have operated a swindle that fleeced J. E. Cavanaugh of Davenport, Iowa, out of

Cavanaugh is a lumber dealer, and five years ago bought some timber land from Harris. Cavanaugh charges that since then Harris adroitly worked himself into his confidence in order to consummate the game that cost him a fortune. He accuses Harris of being the "brains" of a gang of confidence men who have obtained nearly half a million dollars within ten years by arranging fake prize fights and wrestling

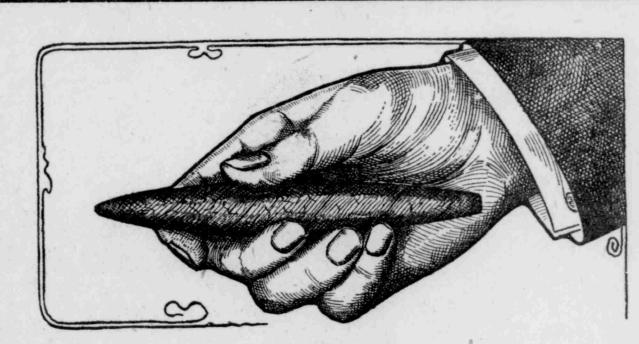
The scheme that cost him \$37,000 and a friend who trusted him \$10,000 more was a wrestling match between Ole Morris and an "unknown." Cavanaugh was told that a lot of "rich New Oreans men" thought they had a "world-, beater" in the "unknown," and the gang had procured a wrestler who could beat the unknown and get the money of his backers.

#### Long Way to Get Trimmed.

Cavanaugh traveled from Seattle to New Orleans to put up his money in wagers. The "match" took place beore a "club." Morris threw the "unknown." The defeated wrestler fell heavily, groaned and turned on his side. A red liquid spurted from his mouth and dyed his body. Cavanaugh's companions cried that the man had been killed and ran from the building, carrying the stakes with them. Cavanaugh never saw Harris again until the lat-ter's arrest today. Cavanaugh learned that red ink was used by the fakers to make it appear the defeated man had burst an artery.

Nothing was heard of the man's supposed death until Cavanaugh plucked up courage to report the matter to the police to enlist their aid in the recovery of his money. Five other men are said to have operated with Harris. The po-lice know them and are trying to locate them.

Cavanaugh has received letters from twenty-one other men who have lost large sums through the same swindle He says one take fight in Denver netted \$90,000 for the confidence men. Their operations are believed to have profited them \$500,000 within ten years.



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